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SUBJ: SPECULATION SUBSIDES, CRISIS ATMOSPHERE ABATES

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1. RUMORS WHICH FLOODED LISBON IN LAST FEW DAYS AND WHICH WERE
SUBJECT OF ANIMATED CONVERSATION AT VARIOUS LEVELS IN AND OUT
OF GOVERNMENT HAVE SUBSIDED. PRESS AND RADIO HAVE REFRAINED
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MENTIONED IN LAST FEW DAYS ANY UNTOWARD TROOP MOVEMENTS OR

EVENTS IN COUNTRY. OUR CONSUL IN OPORTO REPORTS ALL CALM.

2. TWO FACTORS HAVE CONTRIBUTED TO CALMING OF CRISIS ATMOSPHERE. ONE IS DEPARTURE TO ALGERIA OF MINISTER WITHOUT PORTFOLIO MELO ANTUNES, WHO IT IS REASONED WOULD NOT HAVE LEFT COUNTRY HAD CRISIS BEEN ACUTE. SECONDLY IS VISIT OF SENATOR KENNEDY, WHOSE SUCCESSFUL TRIP TO LISBON TO CERTAIN EXTENT KEPT PUBLIC MIND OFF RUMORS. ALTHOUGH PRIME MINISTER DID NOT RETURN FROM REST TRIP TO NORTH UNTIL THIS MORNING (AND HENCED MISSED APPOINTMENT WITH KENNEDY), FACT THAT HE BACK IN LISBON REMOVED SOURCE OF MUCH OF SPECULATION (I.E. THAT HE IS IN NORTH TO QUELL BUDDING UNREST IN MILITARY).

3. ALTHOUGH SPECULATION REGARDING UNREST IN MILITARY HAS SUBSIDED SINCE MONDAY, TALK OF PRIME MINISTER'S ALLEGED MENTAL EXHAUSTION STILL RAMPANT. EMBOFFS UNABLE SO FAR TO PINPOINT ANY DATA WHICH WOULD CONFIRM OR DENY THIS RUMOR. SCOTT

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